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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: **STRUCTURE COMPRISING A BINDER LAYER NON-DELAMINABLE WITH
RESPECT TO A METALLIZED SUBSTRATE AND PEELABLE WITH RESPECT
TO A POLYPROPYLENE SUBSTRATE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

~~Please add the following claims:~~

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-- 16. A multilayer structure comprising a metal layer or a metallized-substrate layer (5) and a polypropylene-based binder layer (6) extrusion-coated at a rate of more than 100 m/min. onto the metal or metallized-substrate layer, said layers (6, 5) being made non-delaminable by heat treating the said structure to a temperature above the melting point of the binder layer (6).

17. A structure according to claim 16, wherein the heat treatment is carried out by infrared radiation, by passing it through a hot-air or induction-heating tunnel.